

IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 2, 11 line as follows.

--Various systems for changing over the developing devices, including a slide mounting system, a rotary drum system (also referred to as a rotary color developing system), and the like are known, with the rotary drum system being common. Referring to Fig. 1, in the rotary drum system a stepping motor (not ~~show~~ shown) rotates a rotary color developing device 203 around a rotation shaft 200 so as to selectively bring a predetermined developing device 221 to 224 adjacent to or in contact with the latent image bearing member 202. The developing devices 221 to 224 selectively are provided according to the separated color to be developed. Therefore, compared with the configuration in which the developing devices of respective colors are disposed around the photosensitive drum, this configuration is advantageous in that it permits a reduction in size of the apparatus, and establishes a common architecture for the developing devices. The common architecture for the developing devices permits individual replacement of the developing devices as process cartridges, thus reducing toner supply problems and achieving a significant cost reduction.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 14 as follows.

-- ~~¶~~Alternatively, Alternatively, the control portion may have a first mode for executing image formation using a first developing device, a second mode for executing image formation without using the first developing device, and an auto-selecting mode for changing over between the first mode and the second mode according to the determination of the auto-discriminating portion. In the case the auto-selecting mode is selected, the control portion is

capable of controlling initial movement of a predetermined developing device to a predetermined position before the auto-discriminating portion makes the determination. At the time image formation is started in the auto-selecting mode, the developing device can be brought into the vicinity of the developing position by preliminarily rotating the developing device change-over portion to a standby position. This preliminary movement reduces the real average value of FCOT. The developing device then is rotated through the remaining angle to the developing position of the developing device according to the kind of image to be formed.--